

REMARKS

In the 3/6/2007 advisory action after final, the Examiner upheld his rejections contained in the 12/21/2006 final office action. In the final office action, Claims 1, 3, 12, and 15-17 were rejected under 35 USC §§ 102 as being anticipated by Marmel, Elaine, Microsoft Project 2000 Bible (IDG Books Worldwide, Inc.,© 2000). Claims 2, 4-11, and 13-14 were previously canceled.

With this amendment, Applicant has filed an accompanying RCE along with paying the required fee. In this amendment, Applicant has amended independent Claim 1 as follows: A computerized method of creating a program management chart comprising the steps of: displaying a plurality of tasks within a selected set of data as a first part of the program management chart; concurrently displaying, without opening a linked subfolder, one or more tasks, and at least one of header data and task data of the one or more tasks, outside of the selected set of data but associated with at least one of the plurality of tasks within the selected set of data as a second part of the program management chart; differentiating, without opening a linked subfolder, within the program management chart between the plurality of tasks within the selected set of data and the one or more tasks outside of the selected set of data which are associated with said at least one of the plurality of tasks within the selected set of data; and limiting the displaying of the one or more tasks outside of the selected set of data, without opening a linked subfolder, only to those one or more tasks associated with at least one of the plurality of tasks within the selected set of data.

Moreover, in this amendment, Applicant has amended independent Claim 12 as follows: A computerized method of creating a program management chart comprising the steps of: accessing a subset of data within a project; displaying in the program management chart a

plurality of tasks that are part of the project and associated with the subset of data; concurrently displaying, without opening a linked subfolder, one or more tasks, and at least one of header data and task data of the one or more tasks, that are part of the project and outside of the subset of data in the program management chart at the same time as the plurality of tasks that are part of the project and associated with the subset of data; differentiating, without opening a linked subfolder, between the plurality of tasks that are part of the project and associated with the subset of data and the one or more tasks that are part of the project and outside of the subset of data; and limiting the displaying of the one or more tasks outside of the subset of data, without opening a linked subfolder, only to those one or more tasks associated with at least one of the plurality of tasks associated with the subset of data.

These amendments do not constitute new matter, as support for these amendments are contained in the published application at paragraphs 52, 54, 57, 58, 61, 64, and 65, amongst other portions of the application.

The cited art of record does not teach or suggest the claimed limitations of amended independent claims 1 and 12, and in fact teaches away from the claimed limitations. In particular, as admitted by the Examiner at pages 10-11 in the 12/21/2006 Final Office Action, the Microsoft Project 2000 Bible reference:

“...expressly discloses linking tasks between projects. In other words, a task that is outside a first project (i.e., an “external” task) may be linked by the user to a task that is inside the first project (i.e., an “internal” task)...when the user opens either of the subproject files, Microsoft Project displays an external link to the externally linked task. See Marmel – the text and figures on Pages 466-468. Thus, when the user selects a subproject having a linked task that is outside the subproject, Microsoft Project will display the tasks within the selected subproject (i.e., the “internal” tasks) and only those tasks that are outside the selected subproject but associated with the subproject (i.e., the “external” tasks)...”

As admitted by the Examiner, the Microsoft Project 2000 Bible reference utilizes the selection (opening) of a linked subplot (subfolder) in order to display an external task. However, amended independent claims 1 and 12 require in part that the displaying of tasks, and the displaying of at least one of header data and task data of the tasks, outside of the selected set of data (subset of data – claim 12) which are associated with the tasks within the selected set of data (subset of data – claim 12), **occur without opening a linked subfolder**. As a result, the Microsoft Project 2000 Bible reference clearly does not disclose, and in fact teaches away from amended independent claims 1 and 12. Therefore, amended independent claims 1 and 12 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

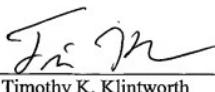
Dependent claims 3 and 15-17 each depend from one of amended independent claims 1 and 12, and add additional limitations. As a result, dependent claims 3 and 15-17 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

In view of the aforesaid, allowance of claims 1, 3, 12, and 15-17 is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the Examiner believes that a telephone conference is necessary.

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